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SUBJECT: OAS SECRETARY GENERAL'S VISIT TO BONN

REF: STATE 226748

1. OAS SECRETARY GENERAL ORFILA'S VISIT TO BONN (OCTOBER 13-14) WAS LOW-KEY AND PRO FORMA. NO ONE IN BONN HAD EXPECTED MUCH OF THE VISIT AND THE FACT THAT IT COINCIDED WITH THE LUFTHANSA HIJACKING GUARANTEED THAT IT WOULD BE UNEVENTFUL

2. THE FRG HAS ONLY OBSERVER STATUS IN THE OAS AND
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THERE WAS LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE FOR ORFILA TO TAKE UP IN BONN. HE DID NOT SEE CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT OR ANYONE ON THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL; HE DID MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS AND VISITED SEVERAL POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, HIS SCHEDULED 40-MINUTE MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT IN THE

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CHANCELLERY, WHICH WAS TO BE THE HIGH POINT OF THE VISIT HAD TO BE CANCELLED SINCE WISCHNEWSKI WAS CALLED OUT TO DEAL WITH THE HIJACKING.

3. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE NONE OF ORFILA'S CONVERSATIONS BROKE ANY NEW OR INTERESTING GROUND. HIS CONVERSATIONS WERE GENERAL AND ON THE PANAMA CANAL HE OFFERED NO MORE THAN WHAT COULD BE READ IN THE PRESS.

4. ORFILA WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A DINNER ON OCTOBER 13 OR AMBASSADORS OF OAS MEMBER STATES. IN A KEYNOTE SPEECH, ORFILA DESCRIBED THE SEPTEMBER 7 SIGNING CEREMONIES IN WASHINGTON AS A WONDERFUL OCCASION AND WAS VERY WARM IN HIS REMARKS ABOUT THE US AND WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER WAS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH.

5. COMMENT: ORFILA'S VISIT WAS NO MORE THAN PROTOCOL.

BY FRG DESIGN, ORFILA DID NOT SEE ANYONE FROM THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, SINCE THE FRG SEES NO REASON IN EVEN DISCUSSING ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE OAS.
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